Rule Development Agenda January - June 2007

The Forest Practices Board's mandate is to adopt rules to protect the state's public resources while maintaining a viable forest products industry. The following rule proposals are under development or are anticipated during this time period.

- 1. **Desired Future Condition.** The Board is considering amending chapter 222-30 WAC related to desired future condition performance targets in riparian management zones.
- 2. **Historic Sites.** The Board is considering amending WAC 222-16-050 relating to Class IV-Special classifications to include historic sites as a SEPA trigger.
- 3. **Long Term Application for Small Forest Landowners.** The Board will consider draft rule language that amends chapters 222-12 and 222-20 WAC to allow small forest landowners to develop long term applications for up to 15 years at the February 14, 2007 meeting.
- 4. **Northern Spotted Owl.** The Board may consider rule making for Northern Spotted Owl habitat conservation in WAC 222-10-041 and WAC 222-16-010.
- 5. **Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly.** The Board is considering amending WAC 222-16-080 to provide habitat protection for the Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly.
- 6. **Upland Wildlife.** The Board, with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, continues to conduct a comprehensive review of the forest practices rules and science for upland wildlife protection and development of cooperative management planning processes. This review and planning process, along with new species listings, and the designation of critical habitat, may result in a rule proposal.

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